

**Request for Proposals Q&A
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What is CARE?

CARE is a **community-based,**
community-driven,
program created to build
partnerships to help communities
understand and reduce toxic risks
from all sources.



CARE Goals

- Reduce exposures to toxic pollutants through collaborative action at the local level
- Help communities gain an understanding of all potential sources of exposure to toxic pollutants
- Work with communities to set priorities for risk reduction activities
- Create self-sustaining, community based partnerships that will continue to improve the local environment



Strategies to achieve the Goals



- Provide information, tools, and technical assistance to help communities understand and assess toxic risks.
- Collaborate with community stakeholder groups to prioritize plans for risk reduction.
- Mobilize local resources and utilize EPA voluntary programs to implement risk reduction activities.
- Link EPA programs together to efficiently support communities.

How CARE Works



Funding CARE Communities

Nationally competed cooperative agreements will be awarded in two categories:



After completing the Level I CA (or similar process) the community would be ready to select and carry out activities to reduce risks

The community creates a collaborative problem solving partnership to improve understanding and set priorities.

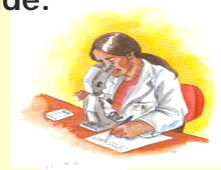
Level II: Works to become self-sustaining

In the larger Level II agreements, the community selects and funds projects that reduce risk and improve the environment in the community.

CARE is More than Money

EPA works directly with communities to provide:

- Technical support and information
- Scientific expertise and assessment
- Community planning to help identify and reduce risks
- EPA voluntary programs
- Networking opportunities
- Shared Learning



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EPA's commitment: this slide tells everyone that we are going to do something new and what it is that we will do for CARE. It explains that it is not just a grant program, but a real new commitment of agency resources to work with communities.

CARE Contacts

- **CARE Hotline**
 - 1-877-CARE-909
- **CARE Website**
 - www.epa.gov/care



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